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TAGS: OVIP(AMB ANDREW YOUNG), PFOR, UNGA, JM, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNGS "RAP SESSION" WITH THE PEOPLES

NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) LEADERS

SUMMARY: ON 5 AUG 77 AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY MET INFORMALLY AND OFF THE RECORD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON, YOUGH MINISTER SMALL, AND LEADERS OF THE PNP IN A FREE-WHEELING "RAP SESSION" WHICH COVERED A RANGE OF ISSUES INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: NEO-COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, THE ROLE OF MULTI NATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. SMALL CONCLUDEDBY CHARACTERIZING THE CHANGE IN U.S. DIPLOMATIC STYLE AS A CONCRETE DEVELOPMENT AND WELCOMED OUR WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO JAMAICAN VIEWS.

1. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON AND MFA OFFICIALS (REPORTED SEPTEL), YOUNG MET WITH PATTERSON AND 14 OTHER PNP LEADERS INCLUDING STEPHENSON AND HEAVEN (WHO WITH PATTERSON COMPRISE THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE OF THE MFA), MINISTER OF YOUTH SMALL (WHO CHAIRED THE MEETING), AND LEADERS OF THE
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NATIONALWORKERS UNION, WOMEN'S MOVEMENT (INCLUDING MRS. MANLEY) AND THE YOUGH SECTION OF THE PARTY. THE MEETING WAS VERY INFORMAL AND OFF THE RECORD. YOUNG WAS JOINED AT THE MEETING BY MS SHELTON, AMBASSADOR IRVING, SAM BROWN, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS.

2. PATTERSON OPENED THE MEETING BY SUGGESTING THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOUNG AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RULING PARTY

TO HAVE A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. SMALL BEGAN THE DISCUSSION BY PUTTING THE MEETING AND YOUNGS VISIT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON, THE PNPS ELECTORAL VICTORY, AND THE PAST "POLITICAL UNREST AND ECONOMIC DISLOCATION" IN JAMAICA IN WHICH U.S. INTERESTS WERE INVOLVED. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE "FRIENDLIER" POLICY OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND HIS INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING THAT POLICY, IN PARTICULAR ITS CARIBBEAN AND AFARICAN MANIFESTATIONS. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL POLICY MAKERS AND SPOKESMAN OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

3. SMALL QUERIED YOUNG ABOUT THE PLAYBOY INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE WAS QUOTED AS FAVORING "NEO COLONIALISM". SMALL ASKED IF IN SPITE OF A GENTLER AND MORE CONCILIATORY DIPLOMATIC STANCE, THE U.S. WAS NOT STILL PRICIPALLY INTERESTED IN PROTECTING U.S. MULTI NATIONAL CORPORATIONS (MNC). YOUNG REPLIED THAT HE LONG AGO THREW AWAY IDEOLOGY AND THAT WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT FEEDS, HOUSES, AND HEALS PEOPLE. THE BASIS FOR HIS INTEREST IN "NEW COLONIALISM" DERIVES FROM A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE CAPITALIST IVORY COAST AND SOCIALIST GHANA INSPITE OF THE LATTERS ENJOYING GREATER NATURAL RESOURCES AND MORE EDUCATED PEOPLE AT ITS INDEPENDENCE. CUBA'S INTEREST IN RAPROACHMENT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF FAILURE TO ACHIEVE INDUSTRIALIZATION ALONG SOCIALIST LINES.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITALISM'S DEPENDENCE ON IMPERIALISM, YOUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM PROVIDES GREAT

SATISFACTION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND HE SEES HIS JOB AS SEEKING, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THAT SYSTEM, TO MAKE IT FUNCTION

AS HUMANELY AS POSSIBLE AROUND THE WORLD.

5. YOUNG SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD B IN EITHER THE U.S.'S OR JAMAICA'S INTEREST TO EMPLOY SANCTIONS TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA SINCE CHAOS WOULD RESULT. IN DISCUSSING RHODESIA, YOUNG POINTED OUT THAT, IF THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WERE TO ASK THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROVIDE A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, NO ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO VETO THE REQUEST.

6. ANOTHER SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS THE ROLE OF THE MULTI NATIONAL CORPORATION (MNC) WHICH VARIOUS PNP REPRESENTATIVES ATTACKED IN THE STANDARD LITANY. YOUNG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MNC'S POSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS BUT HE POINTED OUT THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE. "NO ONE MAKES TELEPHONES LIKE ITT".

7. SMALL CONCLUDED BY CHARACTERIZING THE CHANGE IN U.S. DIPLOMATIC STYLE AS CONCRETE DEVELOPMENT AND WELCOMED OUR WILLINGNESS TO LISTED TO JAMAICAN VIEWS.

COMMENT: THE MEETING WITH THE PNP LEADERSHIP PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS LEFT WING TO VENT CONSIDERABLE RHETORIC. THE MAIN SPOKESMEN WERE YOUGH MINISTER SMALL, DEPUTY PARTY SECRETARY COOKE AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES BURKE AND MOYSTON. FEW OTHERS --INCLUDING PATTERSON--MADE ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. IRVING

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